



Christie Administration Announces New Jersey's County Teachers of the Year for 2012-13

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**Trenton, NJ** - The Christie Administration today announced the selection of New Jersey's 21 County Teachers of the Year and the State Facility Teacher the Year for the 2012-13 school year.

"Most of us know how humbling and awe-inspiring it is to be a student or a colleague of an excellent teacher - these are the individuals who have the power and skill to change lives and bring out the best in us all. I'd like to congratulate the twenty two teachers on their selection," Education Commissioner Chris Cerf said. "Through our teacher of the year selection process, which begins at the school and district levels, many more teachers are recognized and celebrated for the outstanding jobs they are doing for our children."

County teachers of the year are selected at the county level by panels representing a cross-section of administrators, teachers, parents and county education association representatives convened by the executive county superintendents of schools.

Each County Teacher of the Year submits a written application and a 15 minute video to the Department of Education for review by a state-level panel of educators who make the final selection of the 2012-13 New Jersey State Teacher of the Year. The announcement will be made at the October meeting of the State Board of Education and the winner will represent the state at the National Teacher of the Year competition.

New Jersey's State Teacher of the Year serves as an ambassador to the profession by articulating the many ways that teachers contribute to their field; communicating ideas about current issues and challenges that confront the profession; and sharing knowledge about specific programs and instructional strategies that benefit teachers and students.

New Jersey's 2012-13 County Teachers of the year and State Facility Teacher of the Year are as follows:

County	Teacher	Subject/Grade	District	School
Atlantic	<a href="#">Bernadette Daley</a>	Business & Computer Technology - grade 9th-12th	Mainland Regional High School District	Mainland Regional High School
Bergen	<a href="#">Susan Toth</a>	Physical Education & Dance - grade 6th-8th	Tenafly Public School District	Tenafly Middle School
Burlington	<a href="#">Kimberly Murray</a>	Chemistry - grade 10th-12th	Lenape Regional High School District	Lenape Regional High School
Camden	<a href="#">Sandra Carro</a>	Basic Skills - grade 5th-7th	Oaklyn Public School District	Oaklyn Public School
Cape May	<a href="#">Shelley Forsman</a>	Language Arts - grade 8th	Upper Township School District	Upper Township Middle School
Cumberland	<a href="#">Stacey Musey</a>	Biology - grade 10th	Vineland Public School District	Vineland High School North
Essex	<a href="#">Indira Bailey</a>	Art - grade 9th-12th	Essex County Vocational School	Bloomfield Tech

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<b>Gloucester</b>	<a href="#">Susan Barry</a>	English & Shakespeare Studies - grade 10th-12th	Clearview Regional High School District	Clearview Regional High School
<b>Hudson</b>	<a href="#">Kristine Nazzal</a>	ESL & Language Arts - grade 9th-12th	Union City School District	Union City High School
<b>Hunterdon</b>	<a href="#">Mary Woods</a>	English - grade 9th-12th	Hunterdon Central Regional School District	Hunterdon Central Regional High School
<b>Mercer</b>	<a href="#">Angeline Sturgis</a>	ESL - grade K-3rd	Lawrence Township School District	Eldridge Park School
<b>Middlesex</b>	<a href="#">Lauren Marrocco</a>	Elementary - grade 4th	Perth Amboy School District	Edward J. Patten Elementary School
<b>Monmouth</b>	<a href="#">Amanda Galante</a>	Technology - grade 9th-12th	Red Bank School District	Red Bank Regional High School
<b>Morris</b>	<a href="#">Thomas Koehler</a>	Veterinary Science - grade 9th-12th	Morris County Vocational School District	Morris County School of Technology
<b>Ocean</b>	<a href="#">Nancy Evans</a>	Gifted & Talented - grade 1st-5th	Brick Township School District	Drum Point & Osbornville Elementary Schools
<b>Passaic</b>	<a href="#">Mary Duffy</a>	Elementary - grade 5th	West Milford Township Public School District	Marshall Hill School
<b>Salem</b>	<a href="#">Cherie Lower</a>	Elementary & Special Education - grade 3rd	Woodstown-Pilesgrove School District	Mary S. Shoemaker Elementary School
<b>Somerset</b>	<a href="#">Cynthia Sobreyra</a>	Spanish - grade 11th-12th	Hillsborough Township School District	Hillsborough High School
<b>State Facility</b>	<a href="#">Bonnie Yates</a>	Special Education - grade 9th-12th	NJ Department of Children and Families	DCF Atlantic Regional School
<b>Sussex</b>	<a href="#">Vincent Stracquatano</a>	Science - grade 11th-12th	Vernon Township School District	Vernon Township High School
<b>Union</b>	<a href="#">Sarah David</a>	Social Studies - grade 7th	Springfield Public School District	Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School

<b>Warren</b>	<a href="#">Daniel Cullen</a>	Special Education - grade 7th-8th	Warren Hills Regional School District	Warren Hills Regional Middle School
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*Additional information on the State Teacher of the Year program can be found on the NJDOE's website here:*  
<http://www.state.nj.us/education/educators/rpr/recognition/educators/geoy/>